

Key Messages for TC Stakeholder Engagement:

- The declaration of a public order emergency in Canada was made so that you and local police have the tools to protect Canada's critical infrastructure and the smooth flow of goods to Canadians.
- We are working closely with provincial officials and police representatives to get this operational.
- Each of you needs to put in place proactive plans to prepare for and respond to any exigencies and threat to your operations and that may impact the free flow of goods.
 - This means, we ask that you work closely with the police on putting these plans in place and to let us know if you are not getting cooperation. Transport Canada will be there to help you.
- We have learned a hard lesson seeing the impacts of the blockade at the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, and we all have to do our part to ensure it does not happen again.

Foreign Nationals (applicable for air):

- A foreign national must not enter Canada with the intent to participate in or facilitate a prohibited assembly.
 - Foreign nationals who seek to enter Canada for these purposes can be denied boarding prior to departure, and denied entry at a port of entry.
 - There are limited exemptions to the prohibition on entry for specified classes of foreign nationals. These exemptions include persons registered under the *Indian Act*, and protected persons under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.
 - CBSA will operationalize this and the board/no board will not be a requirement in a TC IO.

Specific Messages for Trucking Sector:

- Yesterday the federal government invoked the *Emergencies Act* in order to protect Canada's critical infrastructure, and other designated places of critical importance such as Parliament Hill, in response to the ongoing blockades
- These measures are not targeted at the trucking industry – they are targeted to those who continue to participate in illegal blockades in various places across our country.

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- Under the Orders, the Government can order service providers, such as tow truck operators, to assist in moving equipment involved in blockades. These authorities rest with Public Safety and the RCMP who will be able to provide additional clarity on how this would be operationalized.
- Tow truck drivers would be fully compensated for their services. However, refusal to cooperate would have serious consequences.
- Federal officials will continue to work with provincial counterparts and local law enforcement to determine where and how to apply these temporary authorities to bring these illegal blockades to an end.
- We would ask that you assist us in getting these messages out to industry.

Background on announcement (see NR and backgrounder to follow):

- The Government of Canada's top priority remains to keep people and communities safe, and to protect jobs, trade, and our economy. The federal government is working with provinces and municipalities to get the current situation under control and end the ongoing illegal blockades and occupations taking place across the country.
- Yesterday, Ministers announced the declaration of a public order emergency under the *Emergencies Act*, to end disruptions, border blockades and the occupation of Ottawa's downtown core.
- The objective of this legislation is to take a proportional approach, with time-limited measures that would supplement provincial and territorial authorities to address the current situation. The public order emergency grants the Government the authority to apply the following temporary measures:
 - Regulating and prohibiting public assemblies, including blockades, other than lawful advocacy, protest or dissent,
 - Regulating the use of specified property, including goods to be used with respect to a blockade,
 - Designating and securing places where blockades are to be prohibited (e.g. borders, approaches to borders, other critical infrastructure),
 - Directing specified persons to render essential services to relieve impacts of blockades on Canada's economy,
 - Authorizing or directing specified financial institutions to render essential services to relieve the impact of blockades, including by regulating and prohibiting the use of property to fund or support the blockades,
 - Measures with respect to the authorizing of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to enforce municipal and provincial laws by means of incorporation by reference
 - The imposition of fines or imprisonment for contravening on any of the measures declared under this public order emergency.

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